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PRESS RELEASE

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Press Release Regarding Kathleen Culhane

San Francisco, CA, February 15, 2006—The Habeas Corpus Resource Center (HCRC) is aware of recent media reports concerning the investigation conducted by Kathleen Culhane on behalf of Michael Morales. Ms. Culhane was employed by the HCRC as an investigator between October 2001 and June 2005. At the time Ms. Culhane joined HCRC she was an experienced, highly-recommended capital case investigator. Ms. Culhane's work product was regarded as being of high quality, and HCRC has had no indication that the information she obtained on behalf of HCRC clients could be subjected to valid criticism.

Pending resolution of questions raised with respect to work performed on behalf of Mr. Morales, HCRC will review Ms. Culhane's work product at the HCRC to verify that it met the high standards of integrity and reliability HCRC demands of any and all evidence we submit to state and federal courts.

The Habeas Corpus Resource Center (HCRC), located in San Francisco, provides counsel to represent indigent men and women under sentence of death in California. The HCRC's mission is to provide timely, high-quality legal representation for indigent petitioners in death penalty habeas corpus proceedings before the Supreme Court of California and the federal courts.

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